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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Foreign Assessment Center

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SUBJECT : Book Shelf on Intelligence Analysis

1. After a meeting with Office Directors and NIOs you directed me to assemble a shelf of books on how analysis is done in a number of fields. This is a status report.

2. With major help from our librarians I have culled some 500 titles to 50 deserving detailed examination. The going is now slow. Among other things I have learned that philosophers are not rewarded for brevity.

3. By late January I will have a dozen books worth serious reading. They will reflect the perspectives of a number of disciplines including physics, law, medicine, and systems analysis.

4. Attached is Intelligence Research Methodology. While not profound it's worth leafing through if you find a dull hour over the holidays. It's comforting to know that someone has at least tried to answer the kinds of questions you have been asking. In fact, I bet that a complimentary copy of this to each fresh caught college graduate who arrives in NFAC for duty would not harm us.

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